

Containing insurgency in Assam, Tripura and Manipur

1205. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in containing insurgency in Assam, Tripura and Manipur;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the prevailing situation; and

(c) if not, what measures are being contemplated to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) There is an overall improvement in the situation in Assam and Tripura. However, Government of India are concerned at the law & order situation in Manipur and have initiated a series of measures to improve the situation in consultation with the State Government. These include suitable changes in the police hierarchy, revamping of the State Police intelligence network, modernization/upgradation of the State Police and focused attention to curb militant activities in the State etc. Regular review of the situation both at the State and Central Government levels are being made.

ISI activities in North East

† 1206. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI menace is continuously increasing in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to check this menace;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Govt. has reports that the Pak ISI has been helping the North East militants/terrorists in purchase and transportation of arms consignments from abroad to the North Eastern Region. The reports also indicate that the Pak ISI is providing assistance to the North Eastern militants in terms of money. Pak ISI has also been motivating misguided youths for training across the border.

To neutralise activities of ISI agents, Government have adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well coordinated

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